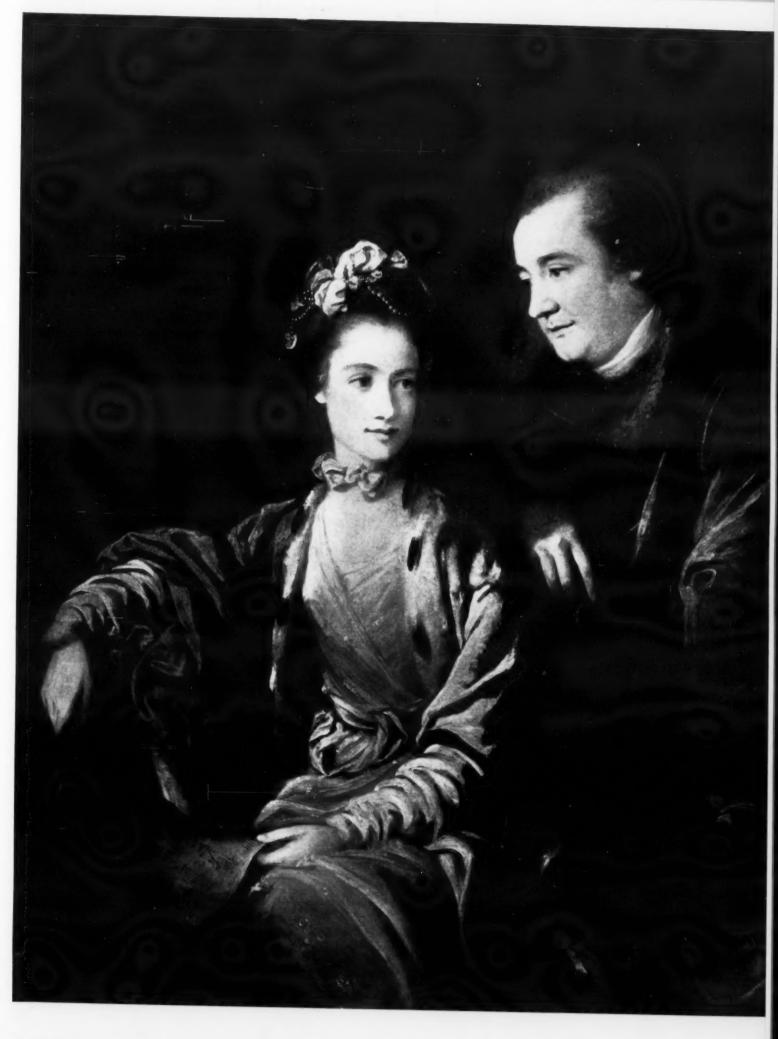
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FROM MISS FRICK'S COLLECTION ON LOAN AT RICHMOND: DEVIS' "SIR JOSHUA VANNECK AND FAMILY"

This delightful family group, done in small scale on canvas measuring only $58\frac{1}{2}$ by $56\frac{1}{2}$ inches, is an eloquent example of both the individual talent of Arthur William Devis and of his important place in the development of the enormously popular eighteenth century conversation piece or "arranged" portrait in diminutive scale, of which this, with its numerous figures and charming landscape staffage of family castle and the nearby Thames, is a valuable document. It is included in the loan of ten important paintings from Miss Frick's private collection, not connected with the Frick Collection in New York, which are on view at Richmond during May and June, ranging in period from a portrait by Hogarth to a seascape by Rockwell Kent. The other works are by Goya, Guardi, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Lawrence and George Bellows.

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A RICH GIFT TO BALTIMORE

The Mary F. Jacobs Collection Presented to the Art Museum

BY DOUGLAS HUNTLY GORDON

MAGNIFICENT bequest of pictures, the collection of the late Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs of Baltimore, has just been formally presented to the Baltimore Museum of Art, together with a new wing built from plans of the late John Russell Pope by the Public Works Administration. The generous agreement made by Mrs. Jacobs during her lifetime was, therefore, fully completed, and as a result the Baltimore Museum of Art has obtained the ownership of the nucleus of a collection of paintings, as well as an important group of tapestries and a number of miniatures and objets d'art.

The paintings consist principally of works of the eighteenth century French masters, of the English portrait painters of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, of the Dutch painters of the seventeenth century, and of a small group of Italian masters, as well as a Murillo, a Coello and the primitive known as the *Blue Madonna*.

Among the Italian paintings is the almost life size Madonna and Child with Saints by Perugino, the large tondo of the Madonna and Five Angels in Adoration assigned by Berenson to the studio of Botticelli, a charming Madonna and Child by Botticini, and a characteristic Luini representing the Mystic Marriage of Saint Catherine. Two large views of Venice in the style of Guardi are effectively composed and impressively painted.

Outstanding in the Dutch group is Rubens' Portrait of a Woman, reminiscent of the Anne of Austria in the Metropolitan Museum; the portrait of Dorothea Berck, brilliantly painted by Hals in a subdued color scheme, suggesting the Hals portrait in the Epstein

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(ABOVE) FRANS HALS "PORTRAIT OF DOROTHEA BERCK";
REMBRANDT: "PORTRAIT OF TITUS," THE ARTIST'S SON

group at the Museum; and the celebrated portrait of Rembrandt's son. Titus, signed and dated 1660, from the collection of the Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle, and more recently from the collections of James Stillman and Chauncey C. Stillman.

Of great charm among the lesser names of the seventeenth century Dutch painters is the View of Leyden, signed and dated "van Goyen 1653." a Landscape of the River Meuse by Salomon van Ruysdael, and the Portrait of Anne Maria von Schurmann as a Young Woman, by Ferdinand Bol.

The French paintings include the handsome *Portrait of the Baronne Rigolay D'Ogny*, née Elizabeth D'Alencey, by Nattier, and the contemporary and more able *Portrait of a Lady* to which the name of the vounger Falconet has been assigned.

Greuze's early Portrait of the Marquise de Besons is a sound example of his work when freed from the moralizing tendency



MARY FRICK JACOBS COLLECTION, BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART "THE MYSTIC MARRIAGE OF ST. CATHERINE" BY LUINI

which endeared him to critics of the early nineteenth century. Fragonard is represented by a Holy Family Resting During the Flight into Egypt, the subject matter of which precludes the use of his most attractive style, seen in his court paintings, and the color of which is perhaps slightly warmer than might be desired. A characteristic pastel portrait of The Chevalier de Jars by Maurice Ouentin de La Tour shows this rare master in a forceful, if perhaps somewhat obvious mood. Three paintings and characteristic subject matter of landscape with classical architecture pleasantly display Hubert Robert's agreeable style.

Perhaps the two outstanding pictures in the French rooms are

J. B. GREUZE: "PORTRAIT OF THE MARQUISE DE BESONS" MARY FRICK JACOBS COLLECTION, BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART



those of a girl playing jacks, La Joueuse d'Osselets, by Chardin, a jewel of unaffected subject matter and skillful composition painted with the master's greatest subtlety and beauty of color, and finally the portrait of Princess Alexandrowna Golitzyne, née Princess Grouzinski, painted in the last years of the last decade of the eighteenth century by Vigée Lebrun, and showing already in costume and

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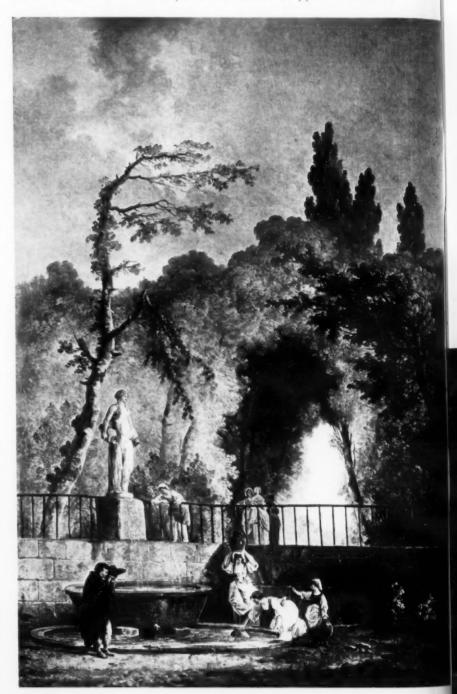
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in feeling the coming of the nineteenth century.

It is in the English portraits that the highest quality in the collection is reached, the Portrait of Anthony Morris Storer by John Hoppner being in subject matter, color, condition and brilliance of execution of the very first rank. With it may be placed the Portrait of Miss Agnes Law by Raeburn, of equal merit but badly in need of cleaning. It is painted in the same harmonious whites, yellows and browns as the somewhat less appealing Raeburn portrait in the Walters Gallery. Another portrait by Raeburn, of Lord Melville, is monumental in conception but rather harsh in coloring. Three characteristic Romneys and a second Hoppner should be



MARY FRICK JACOBS COLLECTION, BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART "THE ROMAN GARDEN," ONE OF A PAIR BY HUBERT ROBERT

noted, as well as the handsome full length portraits of Lady Stanhope, and of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough informally grouped by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Sir Thomas Lawrence's large Portrait of George IV in state robes should be pointed out as an effective official painting, beautifully hung (as indeed the entire collection is) so as to be seen at a suitable distance through the tapestry room. The charming incompleted head of a boy identified as a study for the Red Boy, the portrait of Master Charles Lambton, painted in 1827, carries the English paintings to the end of the Georgian period.

The Murillo of Saint Joseph holding Christ as a child has all the fervor of the Spanish school without its often lachrymose sentiment. Sanchez Coello's portrait of a child in court dress is typical of the highly detailed work of this master and offers an extreme contrast to the soft and atmospheric quality of the later Spaniard's work.

The two magnificent groups of Aubusson tapestries of Chinese subjects provide a most imposing entrance hall to the Collection. The brilliant effect of the tapestries is greatly enhanced by a number of pieces of tapestry-covered furniture in the style of Louis XV. together with cases containing objets d'art and Chinese carvings in jade and other precious materials. A collection of miniatures, enamels, fans, watches and snuff boxes is attractively arranged in cases in the

principal room where the French paintings are hung. In a separate room is a portrait of Mrs. Jacobs by Cabanel, and a group of paintings of her family by Charles Willson Peale, Sully, Inman, Saunders and Jarvis, and a most attractive picture of her father, a leading member of the Maryland Bar, by a unknown artist.

In a small shrine-like room hangs the primitive Blue Madonna, a seated figure of the Virgin and Child, which is a work inspiring great interest. The evident signs of the restorer's hand, as well as the difficulty of classification of such early works, make it necessary that much study should be given to this picture before it can be



MARY FRICK JACOBS COLLECTION, BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART "ARCHITECTURE IN RUINS," A TYPICAL VENETIAN SCENE BY CANALETTO

regarded as definitively assigned to the interesting place it deserves in the history of art. In fact, the collection as a whole will prove of even greater value as it is more thoroughly studied by trained critics and cura-

tors. As suggested in the thoughtful address of Mr. Henri Marceau at the opening exercises, the Jacobs Collection takes a large part in giving the city of Baltimore a place of importance in the world of art. Supplying as it does many excellent examples of work in fields which are practically unrepresented in the Walters Gallery, it strengthens greatly the number of old master paintings on public exhibition in the city which contained perhaps the

first large American collection of old master paintings—that formed by Robert Gilmor, Jr. in the early years of the nineteenth century. During recent weeks, a number of pictures from the Gilmor collection have been deposited in the Baltimore Museum of Art by the Peabody Institute of Baltimore, to which they were bequeathed by the late Charles J. M. Eaton. Several nineteenth century watercolors from the Eaton Collection, together with number of paintings from the Lucas Collection, have been placed on exhibition at the Museum, and show also the artistic resources of the city to which the Jacobs Collection has so very greatly added.

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(LEFT) HOPPNER'S "PORTRAIT OF ANTHONY MORRIS STORER"

(RIGHT) PORTRAIT OF GEORGE IV BY SIR THOMAS LAWRENCE



The Congressmen of Art in a New York Session

BY JEANNETTE LOWE

HE concept of art as a force which is constantly reacting to changes in the character of society has been a fundamental principle of the American Artists' Congress since its formation a little over two years ago. With the lessons of the War and later the depression, art began to be recognized by artists in this country as an aspect of social development, not as a mere isolated form of human activity, and this awareness was deepened by the attitude towards art and culture in those western European countries which have abandoned the principles of democratic government. With private patronage destroyed, artists have been thrown into contact with the problems of pauperism and the demoralization of living on relief, and their reaction to a realization of these has been the source of a deep-going change. Mines, mills and factories, and the artists' reactions to human problems have superseded apples and flowers as material, to a great extent, and this quickened awareness of life outside the studio has had a tremendously vitalizing effect on their

All three of the exhibitions held by the American Artists' Congress, up to the current one at Wanamakers', have demonstrated this effect. The graphic art show in 1930 which was held not only in New York, but in thirty other American cities, had the reality and contemporaneous quality of a newspaper. Last year's annual, mainly of painting and sculpture, proved to be one of the most stimulating shows of the year, not only from the standpoint of awareness, but also of creative energy. The theme of the exhibition of last December, dedicated to the peoples of Spain and China, had its roots in the protest by American artists against the supposed dangers to peace, democracy and cultural progress under Fascist and imperialist governments. If it called into controversy the old question of the appropriateness of propaganda in art, it also directed attention to the changed attitude of American artists—that they had abandoned their attitude of laissez-faire and were acknowledging their responsibility to act on issues affecting the national well-being.

The current exhibition, more general in character, is a concrete example of the consciousness of artists of their close relationship



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A PENETRATING "SELF PORTRAIT" BY JOSEPH DE MARTINI

with the many aspects of life outside of their studios. Artists of every sort of aesthetic belief are showing their work to the people with the coöperation of the great commercial institution of Wanamakers'. It could not have taken place ten years ago, nor could it take place now in a country where the principle of democracy in government had been repudiated. With over eight hundred members, the American Artists' Congress substantiates the fruitfulness of its aims, and presents an exhibition whose level of accomplishment is the highest it has yet achieved, and whose character is American and contemporaneous to the core. It is excellently installed, an achievement in itself to have assimilated over two hundred and fifty

items into space allotted in a department store.

Among the psychological studies of American types Arnold Blanch's Woman from the South is distinguished in color and clear in its characterization of defiance. Accordion Boy by Peggy Dodds shows her ability to model, and to present her subject convincingly in an easy style. Madonna of the Mines by Philip Evergood is a powerful conception of a type not so well known in academic painting. Joe Jones' portrayal of a waif devouring a watermelon is a sympathetic and moving interpretation. Raphael Soyer's Girl at the Window is an example of his successful handling of light on the face of his subject, brooding and meditative in its quality. Soloists by Max Spivak relies for its effect upon the simple outline of its heads in black against a background of loosely washed, transparent color. Labor Organizer by Ben Shahn is massive, warm in tone and seriously conceived. Kopman's Society Folk is equally strong in

Landscapes by Adolf Dehn, Zoltan Hecht, George Picken and John Lonergan are memorable for their sensitiveness to the delicacy and nostalgic quality of the out-of-doors.

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"DIPLOMATS": MERVIN JULES' VERSION OF THE CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL SCENE



"THE WELL AT GUADALUPE" BY MILFORD ZORNES

AWARDED THE W. M. TUTHILL \$100 PURCHASE PRIZE

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INTERNATIONAL WATERCOLORISTS

At Chicago: Contemporary Aquarelles of Fifteen Nations

NE of the top ranking annual exhibitions of this country, the International Watercolor Exhibition at the Art Institute, has just opened and for the seventeenth successive time brings to Chicago the product not only of the foremost American watercolorists, but of artists working in fourteen foreign countries. The largest European entry is from Russia, which leads the list with thirty-four works. France follows with a distinguished roster of contemporaries, with Germany, Great Britain, and smaller European countries and even the island of Bali further contributing to Chicago's watercolor festival.

Works from abroad were passed on by a jury in Europe. The large American section of over four hundred entries was selected by a jury of Julio de Diego, a well known Spanish painter and graphic artist; Edgar Richardson, who, as Assistant Director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, represents the point of view of a characteristic American museum; and A. Lassell Ripley, one of the outstanding watercolorists in this country with a long list of honors to his credit.

The International Exhibition's prizes totaled over a thousand dollars and were awarded as follows: the Watson F. Blair Prize of six



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"MYSTIC NIGHT," THE WATERCOLOR BY MILLARD SHEETS, WINNER OF THE WATSON F. BLAIR PURCHASE PRIZE OF \$400

hundred dollars, as a purchase, went to Grigory Gluckmann, a Russian artist living in Paris, for his Nude, a subtle yet powerfully modeled seated figure in tones of brown. Gluckmann is represented in many public collections abroad, but this is his first important American recognition. To the young Californian, Millard Sheets, went the second Watson F. Blair Prize of four hundred dollars, also as a purchase, for Mystic Night. Sheets has exhibited extensively and successfully throughout the country and his work is represented in numerous collections. The twenty-two watercolors which he contributed to this show have been displayed in a separate room and range from some early snow scenes to a very interesting composition of San Francisco streets with a landscape background. Mystic Night, a composition of figures in dark tones of blue, violet and brown, shows the artist's characteristic calligraphic brushwork combined with the brooding, poetic atmosphere found in many of his works. Both of these Blair prizes were awarded by the Art Institute Committee on Painting and Sculpture.

The winner of the last prize was singled out by the exhibition's jury of selection. This was the William H. Tuthill Prize of one

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LENT BY MRS. CHARLES GOODSPEED TO THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO SALVADOR DALI'S SURREALIST "PORTRAIT OF MAE WEST"

Nolde's expressionistic color patterns and four heads by Otto Dix. German landscape is well represented by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff and also by two of Max Pechstein's large works. This survey of German art also includes three outstanding figure drawings by Carl Hofer. The careful draughtsmanship of such men as Robert Schuerch is illustrative of a national tendency. Germany's great woman artist, Kaethe Kollwitz, is represented in a forceful black and white drawing of the unemployed.

The English examples attest the expert draughtsmanship of such men as Muirhead Bone, and Edmund Blampied, who is showing three charming country scenes. Henry Trier's large landscapes in gouache express a placid English tradition.

Hungary, Mexico and Poland, with Aba-Novak, Charlot and Kanelba, show good examples of their foremost artists. Grigoriev leads the Russian section with thirty works which are displayed together in one room. Picasso, Caviedes, Miro and Dali represent the Spanish tradition, the latter with a surrealist Portrait of Mae West, lent by Mrs. Charles Goodspeed of Chicago.

While it is difficult to sum up the American works, certain tendencies seem to be present. The artists in this exhibition seem to be more concerned with reactions to a direct observation of nature than with an exposition of social problems. There are numerous landscapes this year from many different schools and dramatic landscapes are popular. The figure drawings this year are especially proficient, such artists as Maurice Stern, Karfiol, Isabel Bishop, Alexander Brook, Federico Castellón, Jon Corbino, Morris Kantor, Robert Phillip, John Sloan, Eugene Speicher, Leon Kroll, and Guy Pène du Bois, showing important work.

While most of the watercolors are of the transparent variety. such as A. Lassell Ripley's excellent snow scenes of New England, and William Starkweather's interior and outdoor subjects, there are numerous examples which show the artists are experimenting with different techniques, such as the resist ink and tempera used by Castellón. Gertrude Abercrombie of Chicago shows two paintings on glass. Monotypes are well represented and scratchboard is increasing in use.

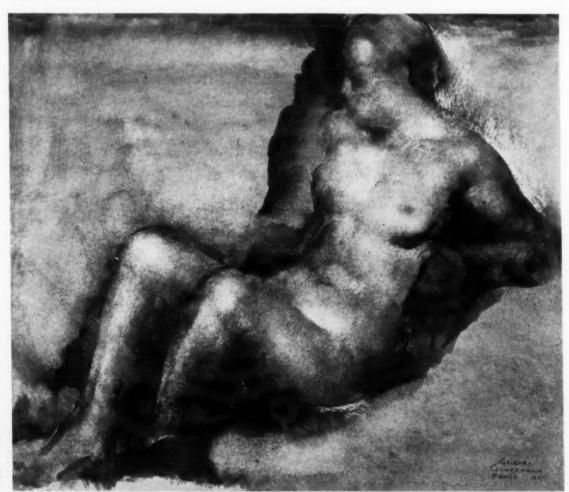
Among the representative American artists are John Taylor Arms, Peggy Bacon, Frank W. Benson, George Biddle, Aaron Bohrod, Gifford Beal, Nicolai Cikovsky, Howard Cook, John Steuart Curry, Adolf Dehn, Eilshemius, Lauren Ford, Gordon Grant, George Grosz, Eugene Higgins, Reginald Marsh and Paul Sample.

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hundred dollars for a meritorious work in pure watercolor, which went to another Californian, Milford Zornes for his The Well at Guadalupe, a composition of figures skillfully arranged in a landscape. It is interesting to note that Zornes is a pupil of Millard Sheets and that these two artists are typical of the unusually fine showing of landscapes contributed to the show by California artists.

A general glance at the exhibition shows it to be a brilliant and well balanced one. Work in pure watercolor is in the majority, but there is also almost every other medium except oil, with gouache, tempera, ink, wash, sanguine, pencil, lithographic crayon, charcoal, pastel and monotype in evidence.

An entertaining addition to this year's foreign section is the set of three delightful ink wash drawings by a native artist of Bali, illustrative of the love of overall pattern typical of Melanesian art. The French section includes work by Gromaire, Derain, Dufy, Marie Laurencin Edy Legrand and Rouault. Henri Matisse has sent an unusual charcoal drawing of a girl reading and Dunoyer de Segonzac is showing an excellent landscape of great delicacy and charm. Of Utrillo there are two gouaches, one of a favorite subject, the Sacré Coeur of Montmartre.



EXHIBITED AT THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO The German section contains three of "NUDE." BY GRIGORY GLUCKMANN, AWARDED THE WATSON F. BLAIR \$600 PURCHASE PRIZE

New Exhibitions of the Week

THREE DRAMATIC SHOWS ESTABLISH THE GREATNESS OF KAETHE KOLLWITZ

NE of the greatest human beings and one of the greatest artists of all time is Katha Kallaria of all time is Käthe Kollwitz, seventy-one year old artist, symbol of the frustrated ideology of Social Democracy and apotheosis of western humanitarianism. To those many people who have been visiting the three current exhibitions of this German artist's work, such an evaluation is no extravagance. Daughter of a man who gave up his law studies to become a master mason and member of the working class, granddaughter of a socialistic minister, sister of the editor of Vorwarts. Socialist newspaper of Germany, wife of a physician who ministered to the impoverished and downtrodden people of the Berlin slums and mother of a son who was slain during the

first days of the War, this woman, through her prints, her drawings and her sculpture, became the spokesman of her milieu and the spokesman of the poor throughout the world. For over two score years she has lived among the people to whom her husband has given his services. Her life, no less than her art, has been dedicated to the destitute, the sick and the dying, the frightened and the ignorant, the suppressed and the miserable.

In her drawings these miserables have become monuments so poignant, so dynamic, so stirring that they overreach the senses, strike the emotions and evoke sensations seldom experienced in front of art. works and, indeed, neither feasible nor desirable as a usual reaction.

The group of one hundred and fifty etchings, lithographs and woodcuts which Hudson D. Walker has acquired from a German private collector, includes many rare and many of the greatest of Käthe Kollwitz's prints. Different states signify with what care the artist made her medium conform to her desired expression. Nie Wieder Krieg, the arresting poster printed in 1924, is represented in the rare first state before the letters were included. It is a masterpiece of lithography and of the art of poster making. Its significance is instantly recognizable, its spirit magnetic and impelling. The line which is broad, forceful, free and exceedingly coloristic, is characteristic of

Käthe Kollwitz's later manner of drawing. The emancipation of her line and the increased plasticity of her forms are particularly evident in the drawings on exhibit at the Buchholz Gallery which is also displaying four sculptures, a medium adopted by the artist when, in 1932, she executed a war memorial for the Belgium grave of her son. Like the drawings whose directness is piercing in effect, these sculptures are modeled in broad masses. Dignified, simple and plaintive are these people—mothers and children and workingmen who, with their sunken eyes and bared cheek bones, are shadows of the ubiquitous Death.

But laughter sometimes enters into the distressed world of Käthe Kollwitz's work. The laughter of Mother and Child, a lithograph being shown in America for the first time at the Arista Gallery where a third exhibition of this artist's work is being held, is rollicking and as contagious in spirit as the prints of starving children crying for bread, of helpless, suffering mothers clutching their underfed children and of aged people holding their hands in tired resignation to Death, the last a recurrent theme among the later drawings displayed at the Buchholz Gallery. Together the three exhibitions make plain the stature of this artist who must take her place beside Goya and Daumier, two print makers who not only reached the emotions through the senses but who also rocked the foundations of our social

DIRECT CARVINGS BY VAGIS: FERGUSON'S FANCIFUL WATERCOLORS

MARBLE, granite and petrified wood are the materials from which Polygnotos Vagis, the Greek-American artist currently displaying at the Valentine Gallery, has chiseled his half emergent forms. The blocks of stone yield their shapes, yet retain their primary

> mass. The compact shapes, female personifications of earth, dawn and dance, are directly carved and their large rounded planes are carefully silhouetted in rhythmic order. The surfaces of the hard stones bear the regular marks of the sculptor's chisel, inviting variations of light and shade. Power of simplified forms and sensitivity of flowing outlines make Female Figure one of this artist's most complete formulations

"Fanciful water-colours" by William Ferguson is another offering of the Valentine Gallery. This is the artist's first New York exhibition and these are playful paintings executed with restless lines and clouds of variegated colors. His imaginative scenes, filled with these moving lines and moving forms which dance through veils of color, are gay, touched occasionally with a sardonic humor. William Ferguson has a striking theatrical sense and many of his watercolors suggest the stage as a congenial recipient of his creative outpourings. Solid talent, moreover, is made evident, in his first showing, in the watercolor, Colonial Sphere.



EXHIBITED AT THE HUDSON D. WALKER GALLERY

KAETHE KOLLWITZ'S POSTER, "NIE WIEDER KRIEG"

ANECDOTAL SCENES BY FORD

AUREN FORD'S The Country → Doctor and other recent paintings at the Ferargil Galleries dis-

play a talent for organizing a large, panoramic canvas, and giving it the quality of genre painting. Tiny little scenes, complete in themselves, are organic parts of the whole, and the daily life of an entire community may be deciphered by reading its carefully worked out legends. Vision of the Innocents, recalling Breughel, is a charming little study of village life in the winter, its curious, mystical vision seeming not at all incongruous. The artist's anecdotal gift is again seen in Chemin-de-Fer du Midi, which would have the factual quality of a relief map, except for the excellently organized pattern of its cultivated green hills and the undulating curves of its sky-blue

SOYER'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN A SHOW OF RECENT WORK

THE youngest of the Soyers, Isaac, steps forward in his present exhibition at the Midtown Galleries, as one of the accomplished American artists of our time and one who, we venture to predict,



EXHIBITED AT THE FERARGIL GALLERIES

A NAIVELY CHARMING SCENE, "PARADIS TERRESTRE" OF LAUREN FORD'S IMAGINING

will soon take a place in the foremost ranks of contemporary art. Like his brothers, the twins Raphael and Moses, he paints genre scenes with regard both to their homeliness and to their aesthetic beauty, thus making of two Negro women scrubbing floors an enchanting vision of the rhythmic relationship of figures in space, in light and in the soft, enveloping shadows which blot out the surrounding world and fall, with feathery lightness upon the three dimensional forms.

Isaac Soyer is also a penetrating observer of facial expression. gesture and significant detail, observations which he knits together into striking characterizations, notably Family of Three and The Letter. To his character studies he has added, during the past year. a remarkable faculty for relating episodes with dramatic impact. emotional vitality and compassionate convictions. He has taken a scene of Spanish warfare and, with a subject treated variously by a host of his fellow artists, has made a pictorial summation of the plight of the people of Spain who have valiantly fought for their freedom against cruel odds. Where Next tells a story with clarity, with firm structure and with sympathy. It is a large canvas depicting the motley group of fighters-men, women and children-some dead, others dying, mourning or fighting in the meadow, beyond which, in flames, is the people's city. Figures and landscape are skilfully interrelated. The Pietà group is a dynamic segment of a painting which establishes the new vocabulary of the social, conscious artist as one able to fulfill the demands for painting with a form and a subject that spring naturally from its source in the society of our time, and also supplies its public with symbols that are both intelligible and sympathetic.

HY COHEN'S WATERCOLORS RENDER MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE

Water Colors, which are occasionally brilliant and always sensitive in their gradations of fluid color, form the most interesting part of Hy Cohen's exhibition of paintings at the A. C. A. Gallery. He enjoys the transitory effects of light, as is indicated by such titles as Stormy Skies, Blue Sunlight and Rainy Night. In the last named, his eye for the spot of color, which has meaning in his pattern has not overlooked the blurred but brilliant red tail light of a car, and it adds its power of creating a mood in a curiously suggestive way. Red Houses captures the warmth and faded tones of the old walls of houses, and is well and simply organized as a composition. High spirited and full of life, The Country Road is quite different in its mood and complicated tonality. Cohen's impressionistic style is never careless, but it is better adapted to painting in watercolor than in the more exigent medium of oil, and his draftsmanship of

figures suffers by comparison with his free way of handling his landscape compositions. Cohen's chief gift seems to lie in the creation of atmosphere in terms of a skillfully used wash, *Neon Lights* being an exceptionally appealing treatment of artificial light in a street.

J. L.

SCHMIDT-ROTTLUFF'S RECENT WATERCOLORS

AT THE Nierendorf Gallery, water-colors, vigorously washed and boldly colored, represent the work of the past three years by the German Expressionist, Schmidt-Rottluff, once leader of the historic group, Die Brücke, which in many ways paralleled the contemporaneous Fauvist movement in France. Dynamic, brilliant in hue, magnificently controlled in technique, yet, as a whole, these watercolors lack the spirit of Schmidt-Rottluff's former work. The technical dynamics of the flowerpieces and especially of the still-life with a teapot remains strangely without echo in the sum total of the pictures. However, the large, patterned forms of Ferns retain the power of this artist's earlier work while Autumn Landscape, an exquisite

lyric, reveals a new mastery of technique. It is a superb combination of poetic expression with the beauty of watercolor so treated that the rich blues, reds and purples mingle together in emulation of the Chinese vitreous glazes known to connoisseurs of porcelain as flambé and chun yao.

M. D.

LIVELY SPORTING SCENES INTERPRETED BY RANDALL DAVEY

PAINTINGS and pastels by Randall Davey make a spirited display at the Kraushaar Galleries, for this artist's eye is particularly keen in catching the essentials of a spectacle. He is at his best in his rapid, impressionistic paintings of the racetrack and bull-ring which are full of action, life and a real sense of color. Leaving the Paddock, Hialeah is a highly successful example of his style, with its brilliant light, swarms of people and the intense tropical green of its foliage. He communicates the fiery impatience of horses straining to be gone in Steeple-chasers Going to a Start. The excellence of Davey's draftsmanship may be seen in his drawing of a nude, not included in the catalogue. He can carry out the detail of a figure, but none of the portraits which are painted in a fuller style approach the actuality and substance of the paintings and pastels of the races, done with so much lighter a touch.

SOME EXPERIMENTS OF A NON-OBJECTIVE ITALIAN PAINTER, MAGNELLI

ALBERTO MAGNELLI, Italian painter who lives and works in Paris, makes his American debut this month, at the Boyer Galleries, with a score of paintings that are experiments progressively in Cubism, Futurism, abstraction and non-objectivity. The paintings of 1014 witness his interest in the organization of line and color mass on the flat surface of canvas and in the arbitrary rearrangement of reality.

These earlier works are gay in color and decorative in composition. During the past four years Magnelli has gradually been shifting towards the complete negation of natural appearances and the new logic of his paintings is rooted in pure relations of color, texture, and mass which is often treated like macroscopic cubes of crystal. He paints on coarse burlap, on French wrapping paper that is covered with a network of heavy threads and on school children's slates that have been boxed, like the French paper but with more geometric regularity. The variation of surface by these depressions in slate and by the raised threads on paper is made greater by the mottling of color and the rippling of pigment so that the oil

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appears to remain liquid and in motion. Magnelli is a searcher for novelties, an individualist who composes with skill and aesthetic finesse.

M. D.

AN ATTRACTIVE GROUP OF NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY WORKS

AS A farewell gesture to the season Carroll Carstairs has placed on view an inviting potpourri of French paintings ranging from the seventies, the decade of the rise and efflorescence of Impressionism, up to the present time. From the early part of the decade comes Monet's Bateaux sur mer, a loosely painted picture of the sea, the sky and four sail boats appearing from the distance, the intervals between each marked like the rhythmic beats in music. Pissarro's enchanting Park at Pontoise was executed in 1874, the year of the first Impressionist exhibition, but, despite the soft light and the diffused figures, this painting has order, solidity and measureable space. On the other hand, Sisley's painting and pastels and Signac's watercolor of Venice, 1908, are totally Impressionist in aspect. Broken in color, brilliant in light and changing in substance, these paintings demonstrate the evanscent character of the Impressionist outdoor scenes. Different is Degas's solidly drawn pastel of 1875, the celebrated Mary Cassatt au Louvre, in which this artist, who freed himself from the dangers of a technique that was shackled to the passing moment, has composed with patterned angles derived from Japanese prints, one of the most important sources of influence during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Vuillard, the Intimist, is represented by a small, tender interior in which two figures seated at a table are bathed in a warm glow issuing from a window, and a flower piece filled with decorative motifs and shimmering with light. There is a circus drawing by Toulouse-Lautrec, a view of the Impressionists' beloved Pont Neuf by Dufrénoy, follower of Monet, and lesser works by Van Gogh, Segonzac, Derain, Vlaminck and those two champions of neo-Victorian femininity, the German expatriates, Edzard and Eisendieck. Manet's magnificent *Bateau abordant Berck* of 1873, discussed before in these pages, is also included.

M. D.

PAINTINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE ARTHUR SCHWIEDER GROUP

ADOZEN artists are participating in the sixth annual exhibition of the Arthur Schwieder Group which is being held currently at the Montross Gallery. The wide variety of techniques, subjects

and styles represented indicates the spirit of the leader who, to judge by the absence of the dull uniformity that frequently marks the work of an "atelier," has encouraged the members of his group to follow their individual inclinations. Consequently there are such contrasting paintings as Ralph De Burgos' colorful abstractions based on modified Cubist principles, Gladys Mintus' expressive distortions of a clown and a haunted house, Irwin Ticktin's dolorous dramatizations of subway sleepers and a concert pianist, Paul Rogers primitivistic rendition of the Riverside Drive approach to the Washington Bridge, and numerous prosaic views of Central Park where the entire membership of Arthur Schwieder's group of eighty-five painters retreats each Sunday to sketch.

Careful drawing, rich color and firm structure characterize the paintings by the three women, Lauretta Casagrande, Hazel Kahn and Roslyn Loring. The artists who stand out in this mixed group of neophytes and veterans are De Burgos and Gladys Mintus. M. D.

FIVE CONSERVATIVE ONE MAN SHOWS

FIVE miniature one man shows at the Studio Guild yield work of several contrasting styles. Annie Stein's series of Hudson River scenes are full of palpitating color, the most attractive one being Suspension Bridge. Quite different in its solid and simplified forms is Lucie Mackay's Fundament. Its color is subdued and it possesses a quiet strength which recommends it. Harvesting Celery by Allen Newton is a light and airy little canvas, original in its arrangement and interesting in the cloud effects of the wide sky. Studies of flowers in a realistic style predominate among the paintings of Ethelwynne Hinckley, her most appealing work being The Old Academy, in which she has made good use of the warm red of an old brick house and its effect with shafts of late afternoon sunlight on a green lawn. Elaine Auchmoody's still-life Copenhagen Bowl is pleasing in its arrangement, the quality of a shiny, green bottle being brought out with a charming transparency.

ROUNDABOUT THE GALLERIES: FIVE NEW EXHIBITIONS

THAT Molina Campos is a humorist as famous in his native Argentine as was Mark Twain in our country, is a qualification that cannot be overlooked at the English Bookshop where his illustrations are hanging. Humor, indeed, is heavily underscored, and in its most easily digested form. The artist is cited as having a wide appeal to the masses, but one cannot help feeling that these masses must be chiefly composed of utterly unsophisticated minors, since his drawings more nearly approximate the exaggeration of the "funnies" than the barbed thrusts of the caricaturist. An accompanying text contains such side-splitting passages as "the food is good but it's romance what he's after," and exotic touches are introduced by actual trophies from the Pampas, such as the embroidered tobacco pouch made out of an ostrich neck. An illuminating side light is thrown on the art of Molino Campos by the fact that he is subsidized by two of the largest Argentinian shoe companies to turn out calendars and that the originals for these are highly prized collector's items in South America. Autres pays, autres

ATHERINE LOVELL'S pleasant landscapes and street scenes at the Studio Guild have been inspired by numerous settings ranging from Brooklyn, her home, to Taormina. Her interest in agreeable combinations of color is not subordinated to her feeling for structural design. Best, both as to color and pattern, is Morning Shadows, Rockport, a cheerful view of this much painted town. One or two still-life paintings show an ability to build up a composition, notably Still Life with Rhubarb, in which she uses the deep hues (Continued on page 20)



EXHIBITED AT THE CARROLL CARSTAIRS GALLERY

trasting styles. Annie Stein's series of Hudson "THE TABLE," AN INTIMATE, GLOWING INTERIOR PAINTED BY EDOUARD VUILLARD

OHIO ARTISTS CROWNED AT CLEVELAND



EXHIBITED AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

OIL PAINTING OF A LANDSCAPE SUBJECT

A FIRST PRIZE IN

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HE twentieth May exhibition of Cleveland artists is a milestone in the cultural life of the city which affords an interesting view of what has been accomplished here in two decades. both in the education of an appreciative public which generously . patronizes its own artists, and in the quality of the production of the latter. The high standard set by past years is again maintained in the

CLARENCE CARTER:

"WHERE GODS HAVE

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current show—the most important up to date, not only in point of numbers, but for the variety of individual styles shown. Greatest interest attaches to the landscape section, though good work is distributed throughout. In its broad range, diversity of media and by virtue of the many prizes awarded, the Cleveland Annual has established itself as the outstanding annual art event of the mid-West.

EXHIBITED AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART



ROLF STOLL: PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN," FIRST PRIZE IN PORTRAITS

ENAMEL PANEL, "THE ANIMAL KINGDOM" BY H. E. WINTER, FIRST PRIZE IN MURAL & DECORATIVE PAINTING



ART THROUGHOUT AMERICA

MINNEAPOLIS: RECENT ACCESSION OF AN ADOLF DEHN WATERCOLOR

AWATERCOLOR by one of Minnesota's most popular native artists. Adolf Dehn. has recently been added to the John De

Laittre Memorial Collection at the Institute of Arts through the generosity of Mrs. Horace Ropes. Entitled Midsummer in Minnesota, the painting is one of the most evocative of this artist's landscapes, expressing as it does Dehn's profound feeling for nature which contrasts so surprisingly with the satire of his many lithographs and drawings. The sense of heat, abundance and serenity in this picture successfully convevs the nostalgia that presages the end of summer in the farm country, the eye following with interest the lines of the undulating, golden landscape weighted with clumps of dark green trees and accented wth shocks of grain and miniature straw

stacks. The romantic feeling of the picture is accentuated by the depth of the sky, in which Dehn has captured the space and breadth of the great American farm lands. One of the artist's most recent works, its accession is considered an important addition to the ever

growing De Laittre Collection.



PRESENTED BY MRS. HORACE ROPES TO THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS
"MIDSUMMER IN MINNESOTA," ADOLF DEHN'S RECENT WATERCOLOR

MILWAUKEE: THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL OF WISCONSIN ARTISTS

THIS year marks a quarter of a century since the Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors held their first organized annual exhibition. The growth of this society and the increasing importance of the showing is a matter of satisfaction to its sponsors, for on this occasion the number of entries surpassed all previous records. Out of nearly a thousand works submitted, the jury, consisting of the out of town artists, Aaron Bohrod and Cameron Booth, and a local member. Myron Nutting, selected less than two hundred pictures, the standard maintained by this careful sifting being necessarily a

high one. Eleven prizes added to the interest of the show, the Milwaukee Journal Purchase Prize of two hundred dollars going to Mitzie Bleck for a northwest lumbering scene, Log Decks, Mercer. The next two most important awards, both offered by the Art Institute, went to Marshall Glasier for Native Landscape, and to Alfred Sessler for Covering the Hole respectively.

BOSTON: GIFT OF SILVER

ASILVER plate, subtly designed and skill-fully wrought, by Edward Winslow (1669-1753), seventeenth century American silversmith, is a recent notable acquisition of the

Department of Decorative Arts of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It is the gift of Dr. Franklin S. Newell and has heretofore been unpublished.

Measuring ten and three-quarter inches in diameter, the plate bears the arms of Edward Palmes who died in New London, Connec-

ticut, in 1714. The armorial bearings consist of three fleur-de-lys and a chief *vairé* with a crescent for cadency.

Winslow's characteristic skillful detail is evident in this plate which bears the maker's mark on its rim. Its armorial engraving, in a design of crossed plumes, so widely found on plates throughout the reign of Charles II, is very clear, and enhances the decorative value of its beautifully moulded edge.

Silver plates were not numerous in the annals of seventeenth century America and in later years were quite scarce. Two plates each are known today by Winslow and by his two important New England silversmith contem-

poraries, Jeremiah Dummer, and John Coney. All are designed in the broad-rimmed form popular at that period. The other extant example by Winslow bears the arms of Foster and is owned by the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

To its collection of American silver, which includes works both by Winslow and by his two contemporaries, Dummer and Coney, the Museum of Fine Arts has thus been able to add another piece, remarkable both for its beauty and for its comparative rarity.

NEW YORK: AN IMPORTANT TAPESTRY AND OTHER GIFTS TO COOPER UNION

ARARE sixteenth century Brussels tapestry depicting the meeting of Priam, father of Paris, and Helen of Troy has been given to the Cooper Union Museum for the Arts of Decoration by Miss Florence Mathews in memory of her brother, Charles Thompson Mathews, who was a member of the former Council for the Museum. This gift is the most important one of the year.

The tapestry, eleven by eleven and a half feet, is believed to be one of a pair, the figures and landscapes of which were designed by Michael Coxie, Flemish historical painter. It is thought to have been woven in the studio of Jacques Geuglesn about 1500.

The figures of the principal design are on horse-back. An inscription woven into the top border states that Alexander, or Paris, is presenting Helen, wife of Menelaus, to Priam, king of Troy. Jupiter and Mars are pictured in the side borders, while maidens in the lower corners of the border represent mathematics and architecture. It is assumed that music and painting, the remain-

ing two of the four arts,



EXHIBITED AT THE MILWAUKEE ART INSTITUTE
"LOG DECKS, MERCER," BY MITZIE BLECK, AWARDED THE FIRST PRIZE

were illustrated in the border of the other tapestry of the pair.

The tapestry has been hung in the Museum, which has arranged an exhibition of recent acquisitions under the direction of Miss Mary Gibson, curator.

Among the over two thousand gifts received by the Museum during the past year are ceramics, costumes, glass, sketches, drawings, prints, engravings, needlework, furniture, lace, and textiles. A collection of photographs of contemporary French industrial art objects and techniques has recently been purchased by the Friends of the Museum.

The sketches drawn by Augustus Saint-Gaudens for his design of the monument erected to Peter Cooper in Cooper Square were the gift of Homer Saint-Gaudens, son of the sculptor. One of the sketches appears on the bottom of a concert program. Two other Saint-Gaudens sketches of about 1890 are designs for a bronze plaque commemorating Violet Sargent. Stanford White's drawings for a proposed tomb for Peter Cooper were given to the Museum by Laurence Grant White.

PROVIDENCE: A LOAN OF TEXTILES

THE Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design is currently announcing an exhibition of

Oriental costumes and other textiles, including those from India, Persia and Sumatra, all lent by Miss Lucy T. Aldrich. Of exquisite workmanship both in weaving and embroidery, the textiles are particularly arresting for their vivid colorings and magnificent design.

The sari or Indian woman's garment is wound around the body to form a skirt and then carried up over the head, falling finally over the right arm. In this collection, there are many gorgeous types of the sari. One of the eighteenth century was woven of pale terracotta colored gauze and over-spun gold threads and has delicate borders of peacocks and parrots in colors. It was given to the Museum by Miss Aldrich in 1037. Another sari is delightfully embroidered with birds and flowers in colors on dark blue satin. Several silk and gold brocaded Indian men's coats, one with trousers, give some idea of the splendor of this civilization in the eighteenth century.

There are also Kashmir shawls, all beautifully handwoven in rich as well as delicate colors. An Indian scarf of the seventeenth century has embroidered ends and borders worked in fine chainstitch with



LENT BY MISS LUCY T, ALDRICH TO THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN AN INDIAN EIGHTEENTH CENTURY BROCADED MAN'S COAT

tree-of-life motifs. This was probably the work of a Persian living in India. Among the other Indian textiles are women's tunics, trousers and head coverings, either embroidered or woven with all the delicacy and subtle coloration of the East.

A woven tomb cover in alternating areas of red, green and black with an Arabic inscription was used in the seventeenth century to decorate the tomb of a Persian poet.

Seventeenth century Persian embroideries have for their designs geometric motifs suggesting the tiling of their buildings. Silk and gold brocaded sashes worn in Persia in the eighteenth century may be seen as well as a piece of silk and gold brocade of the preceding period of Shah Abbas in the sixteenth century.

Some Sumatran skirts in red, combined with either gold or silver, are striking for their subtle designs and charm of color mellowed by the introduction of metal threads. Interspersed with these textiles are Moroccan. Greek (Yanina) and Turkish embroideries.

WORCESTER: A SHOW OF ANTIQUE GEMS

ONE of the most absorbing exhibitions to be held at the Worcester Art Museum this year

was the showing of ancient gems from the collection of Sir Arthur Evans which was the principal attraction at the Museum throughout the month of April.

Sir Arthur Evans, Honorary Keeper of the famous Ashmolean Museum of Oxford, is not only noted for his archaeological discoveries at Knossos, but also for this magnificent collection, the result of sixty years of connoisseurship, which boasts examples formerly in the Marlborough, the Morrison and the Makelyne Collections.

The earliest examples in his collection are seal-stones from Minoan Crete dating from about 3000 to 1200 B.C. Among these may be mentioned an almond-shaped sardonyx carved with the strong figure of a crouching lion which dates from the first half of the sixteenth century B.C., and a gold signet ring illustrative of the best late Minoan style, c. 1500 B.C. This ring, which was found on the floor of a rock-chamber tomb at Arkhanes in central Crete, represents a young man performing a back somersault over the back of a galloping bull—presumably not an unusual sight in the Minoan arena—



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and the effect of life and speed achieved by such delicate means is amazing. The next group, in chronological order, consists of geometrical seals from various sources including Crete, Delos and Mycenae, and dating from about 1000 to 700 B.C. These are succeeded by a number of Melian and allied gems of c. 700 B.C. the most important of which was found at Peraia near Corinth and is of translucent green steatite ornamented with a representation of the Telamonian Ajax falling on his sword. So far as is known at present this is the earliest inscribed Greek gem. It bears the one word Habivas (Ajax). Among the archaic Greek works of about 600 to 450 B.C. is a carnelian scarab of unusual size, which represents in a vigorous manner a lion seizing a bull and is said to be the finest known of this period. Later examples trace the art of gem-cutting through the fourth century B.C. and the Hellenistic Age and include some particularly important portraits, among them those of Socrates and Alexander the Great.

A long list of Italian gems form the larger part of the collection, beginning with a small group of early Etruscan and Graeco-Etruscan scarabs, and including the earliest known representation of Mithras sacrificing the bull, a late Hellenistic work found near Nemea. Another unique item is a portrait cameo of Arabian sardonix representing Augustus, possibly the work of Dioskorides, to whom the Emperor gave the special right of executing his portrait.

Together with these is being shown a small Minoan ivory, also from the Evans Collection, representing a boy god and probably deriving from the same treasure chamber in the palace of Knossos as the ivory goddess owned by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

NEWARK: ONE MAN AND GROUP SHOWINGS AT THE COOPERATIVE GALLERY

As A policy the Newark Gallery has, since its founding, shown for the past three years the works by the younger and little known artists of New Jersey. It has not, however, limited itself to New Jersey artists, the paintings by living American artists from all sections of the country have been exhibited.

Thus far, the gallery has for the past season exhibited paintings by Joseph Stella, Bernar Gussow, William S. Loughran with a first one man show, John R. Grabach, Frank Bailey and a score of group shows introducing for the first time many younger artists of Newark and vicinity. Graphic art has not been omitted from the galleries program. It has exhibited in the adjoining rooms etchings, lithographs, wood-cuts and photography by Irving Rusinow, Raphael Soyer, Anne S. Marsh, Leonard Pytlak, John Sloan, Harry Wickey, Ben Rasnik and others.

As its current offering there is on view a portrait exhibition in which Vincent Canadé, Frank Dailey, Bernar Gussow and Gus Mager are represented by self-portraits. The well known caricaturist, Gropper, has contributed a humorous version of General Franco, and Joe Jones is showing a portrait of the writer, Jack Conroy. George Luks, who was given a memorial exhibition at the Newark Museum a few years ago, is represented by a characteristic oil. *Paris*, lent by Mr. Arthur F. Egner of the Newark Museum. Further works of interest are Joseph Stella's *Portrait of Edna St. Vincent Millay* and canvases by Grabach, Pascin and Raphael Soyer.

Simultaneously Hubert Davis, a graphic artist of the younger group of American print makers, is having a one man show of lithographs and drawings at these galleries.

Davis is a resident of Princeton, New Jersey, and an artist who has concentrated on depicting, with feeling, the American scenes.

Rural America commands his attention and the show in this case includes Farm Boy, Farmyard in Autumn, Coal Region, Canal by Moonlight and Whiskey Row among others. He is one of the many fine artists discovered by the Graphic Art Project of the W.P.A.

Davis has had two one man shows previously. Both were held in New York City. He is represented in the Whitney Museum and in the Newark Public Library Print Department and in numerous private collections.

KANSAS CITY: GIFT OF A PAINTING TO THE W. R. NELSON GALLERY

THE collection of contemporary American paintings in the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery and Atkins Museum has just been enriched by the gift of a flower piece, *Mountain Laurel* by

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Andrée Ruellan, who recently won a prize at the Worcester Biennial Exhibition. The painting was represented by a local organization in memory of Mrs. Almaretta Morgan and it will be featured as the masterpiece for the month of May.

It is an unstudied arrangement of mountain laurel flowers in a Victorian glass vase, placed on an old-fashioned square piano. On the wall in the background is an aquatint of Paris showing the Rue de la Paix and the Place Vendôme. The colors are a subtle harmony of soft pinks, tans, rich browns, the deep green of the shiny leaves and a touch of blue in the vase and the print.

STATE COLLEGE: ONE MAN SHOWING OF H. FLETCHER: PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS

THE Division of Fine Arts of the Department of Architecture at the Pennsylvania State College has been showing an exhibition of paintings and lithographs by Hartley Fletcher. Miss Fletcher. who is a member of the Division of Fine Arts at the College, has exhibited in Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Hartford and Philadelphia.

Her work is unusually varied in subject and treatment and shows no dependence on the painters with whom she has studied. The paint is often sober, sometimes rich and full, as in Repose, occasionally light and clear. The paintings are interesting for their firm drawing as well as for their color, and as much for the sense of things experienced as for their technical competence.

A current showing is devoted to the work of a group of Central Pennsylvania painters and includes mining pictures by Lawrence Whitaker, Edwin Zoller, Lucy Lederer and others.

NEW YORK: A LOGICAL NEW CHARITY, THE GREATER NEW YORK FUND

ONCERNING art and antique dealers as much as any other form of commercial endeavor, the institution of the Greater New York Fund which is currently making its first appeal to the employers and employees of New York businesses, represents the first unification in the largest city in the world, of all forces of charity, organized for the benefit of hospitals and welfare work of all races and creeds in the greater city.

Already a long established part of life in other American cities. the non-sectarian general fund not alone restores a proper dignity to charity by eliminating a painful succession of "drives" for individual organizations, but it also benefits the individual donor by gathering all the objects of his assistance under one roof and consequently allowing him to plan and budget his charitable gifts. Since most American firms dealing in works of art are located in New York, and since their connections with the public are so extensive and varied that nearly every charity appeal of the past has been addressed to them, the Greater New York Fund will provide a welcome opportunity to concentrate their charitable activities with regard for the humanities and the sensible conduct of their affairs.

The officers of the Greater New York Fund are: James G. Blaine. Chairman; John S. Burke, Winthrop Rockefeller and Paul Felix Warburg, Vice-Chairmen; the offices of the 1938 campaign are at 52 Broadway. It is to be hoped that firms and individuals connected with the metropolitan art trade will give to the Fund with the same enthusiasm that has characterized its inception throughout the commercial world of New York.

New Exhibitions of the Week

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of an eggplant and a glass pitcher to offset the more brilliant tone of the fruit. An absorption with the effects of shadow sometimes tends to give her canvases a theatrical feeling, when the blues and purples are allowed to predominate. The most attractive paintings are out in the sun, such as Afternoon, Sugar Hill.

T Contemporary Arts a Pennsylvania artist, Alice Neel, is hold-A ing her first one man show in New York. Beneath the appearances of people, houses and landscapes, this artist searches for both general forms and particular personalities. The "classic front" of a building and the portraits of Mr. Green and the children Luisito and Amos are characters made real and familiar to the observer. Much of Alice Neel's work is based on flat decorative patterns which are invariably subordinated to the mood of the subject. When the artist departs radically from reality she falls short of her poetic

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aims. Landscape, an attempt to create a fanciful vision of a tiny hut on an island atop a hill, is an example of her less felicitious style.

THE Mercury Galleries, recently joining forces with the Art Mart, are showing landscapes and paintings of the sea by Edouard Rigelé. *Quiet Waters* is a realistically conceived view but painted with care. This artist's color, when it is not controlled, is very strident, but in the subdued tonality of *Sand Dunes* he achieves a good effect.

CHILDREN's art brightens up the walls of the East River Gallery in the current exhibition. Drawn from private collections, schools, settlement houses and the Federal Art Project, they represent children from different social environments and different art classes. In age they range from six to fourteen. Watercolors prevail, but a single sculpture, *Viol Player* from Recreations Rooms and Settlement, is one of the most diverting of the works exhibited. It is an astonishing performance for a child of eleven, fulfilling more than the plastic demands of three dimensional objects by creating a mood in sensitive harmony with the subject.

About the paintings, several observations can be made. Obviously, the often praised freshness, naïveté, spontaneity and unspoiled qualities of children's art are true, if at all, only relatively. For instance, the strike scene and rainstorm paintings by L. V. D., aged ten, of the Greenwich Country Day School, and a boat scene by a thirteen year old pupil of the Dalton School, are sophisticated paintings by artists who, though young, have already received careful training through which they have learned to express their native ability. Proof lies in the influences of the teachers' art which are detected in the paintings of the students in the classes of Ben-Zion and Joseph Solman. From Ben-Zion's class comes Louis Navar's publicized painting. The Butcher, acquired by the Museum of Modern Art during the exhibition of the Federal Art Project last year. Nicky Messino's painting of the Empire State Building is executed with a heavy black, enchaining line, reflection of the strong, formal designs of Ben-Zion's art. Another of this artist's young pupils, Londino Capello, aged ten, shows, by his decorative painting of a still-life on a tilted table top, that conditioning by art forms that meet the observant eye everywhere—in the subway, on the streets, in school books, and so on-leaves few artistic children untouched. Thus many of these colorful, decorative and enchanting works of young artists, are no more "children's art" than the art of many primitive peoples is primitive.

International Watercolorists

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Various illustrators are included in this exhibition. Denys Wortman shows an amusing beach scene; Aaron Sopher, a delightful comment on the bus at Provincetown at the height of the art colony season; William McNulty shows a New York episode. Humorous examples are plentiful. Sherman Ravenson shows a most amusing one of a woman painting in the Gloucester art colony and Peggy Bacon exhibits a pastel of a mother walking along furiously with her child and dog in front of a barber shop. Adolf Dehn contributes a well known composition of nuns painting beside a pond and Louis Eilshemius a delightful study of nymphs bathing. The American scene is well represented in charming interiors by Hobson Pittman.

The Congressmen of Art

(Continued from page 10)

Fresh, imaginative views of small town life have been well executed by Mary Early in *Houses by the Track*, *Hopewell Junction* by Harry Hering, and Renée Lahm in *Pins and Needles* has given atmosphere and meaning to a group of workers around a table. Niles Spencer's *Steel Country*, though glum in color, is a handsome composition of reduced forms.

Among the paintings which stand on their own feet as works of art, and have been inspired by the war and Fascism against which the American Artists' Congress is opposed as a group, are Peter Blume's sharp, stinging Monk, 1038, and Ishagaki's richly colored and wrought Victim of War, one of the best paintings in the show. Lucile Blanch's infinitely telling Afternoon in Spain and Tschacbasov's satire of Hitler called High Command are two aspects of a painter's reaction to cruelty.

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The Art News of London

AN EXHIBITION arousing some of the most delightful and nostalgic reminiscences is one which was recently held at the New Bond Street galleries of Messrs. Frank Sabin which was devoted to views of old London, many of them showing historical sites long since vanished, all of them unique documents of a romantic past. From the eighteenth century views of Jukes and Sutton Nichols and the colored aquatints of Malton, whose carefully compiled series, Picturesque Tour through London and Westminster, was one of the most delightful features of the show, these prints lead up to early Victorian London, with the finely drawn, velvety lithographs of the Thomas Schotter Boys. The pastoral charm of many sites now completely engulfed by the town, the delicate, precise drawing of architectural detail, and above all the documentation of such forgotten festivals as the Frost Fair, which celebrated the freezing over of the Thames in 1814, made the show a particularly rewarding one. The Horse Guards in Whitehall and dandies airing themselves in Hyde Park also provided lively and decorative material. An admirably illustrated catalogue abounding in historical references greatly added to the visitor's enjoyment.

THE last two months have seen the addition of a series of important gifts and purchases to the British Museum. One of the earliest and most curious of these is a Viking carving, the only known example of the animal-headed ship ornaments mentioned in the Sagas and which are also recorded in tomb inscriptions. Almost five feet in length, the piece, which may be either a figure-head or a stern post, is carved into the likeness of the head of a bird with decorative motifs running down the shaft. It has been dated with reasonable certainty in the ninth century and, as such, is the oldest Viking object outside of Scandinavia.

Through the generosity of the late Wallace Eliot the Museum has also received a large share of the famous Eliot Collection of pottery and porcelain. Staffordshire, Derby, Worcester and Chelsea ware are particularly well represented, of the latter, there being a valuable figure of a man playing bagpipes marked with the initials of the founder of the Derby factory. The earliest dated English porcelain figure is also present, a copy of a seventeenth century Italian model.

Lord Wakefield, who at the same time gave to the Museum a fine series of heraldic manuscripts from the Clumber Library, recently presented the Print Room with two rare prints after Alken. To the same department came a series of works by contemporary Roumanians who have lately been showing in London, the first perfect copy of Blake's *Edward and Eleanor*, and some early Italian engravings from the collection of Friedrich August 11 of Saxony.

The National Art Collections Fund is responsible for the acquisition of a fine Italian sixteenth century reliquary deriving from the Durlacher Sale held recently at Christie's. Made of rock crystal and gold and richly enhanced with jewels and enamel work, this is perhaps the most important piece of Renaissance jewelry to be added to the Museum's Italian Renaissance collections.

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COMING AUCTIONS

Beveridge-Earle Old and Modern Masters

PAINTINGS of various schools, including works by English, Dutch and Venetian masters, and a notable collection of nineteenth century art, will go on exhibition at the American Art Association, Anderson Galleries on Saturday, May 14. Comprising properties of Mrs. A. J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, Indiana, and other owners, together with property from the estate of the late Mary L. C. Earle, removed from "Dorset Lodge," Old Westbury, L. I., the collection will be sold by auction on Friday afternoon, May 20.

Among the paintings of the Renaissance are A Procuratore of Venice by Jacopo Tintoretto and Portrait of Maffio Veniero given to G. B. Moroni. Examples of the work of seventeenth century Dutch masters include a pair of very interesting Portraits of Patricians, eight and one-half inches high and six and one-half inches wide, by Bartholomeus Maton, a pupil of Gerard Dou, who was



BARTHOLOMEUS MATON: "PORTRAIT OF A PATRICIAN"

renowned for his small portraits, and a miniature *Portrait of the Doctor Muskel* by Peter Mierevelt. There are also a number of interesting seventeenth and eighteenth century English portraits, and the German nineteenth century romantic school is represented.

Ninteenth and twentieth century American and European paintings include two excellent landscapes by Ernest Lawson, A.N.A.; Adobe Village by Thomas Moran, N.A., and Indian Fantasy by J. M. W. Turner, a dramatic ceremonial portrayed by a multitude of figures in Oriental garb. Pigs, by the eighteenth century English painter George Morland, is an informal barnyard scene.

Liggett-Wanamaker Books & Rare Americana

THE American Art Association-Anderson Galleries will sell by auction the afternoons of May 26 one of the two finest recorded documents signed by Thomas Lynch, Jr., Signer of the Declaration of Independence, from South Carolina, by far the rarest and most sought for of American Revolutionary autographs. This magnificent document, which comes direct from the archives of the State of South Carolina, is present in a collection of Americana, historical and literary autographs, library sets, and first editions from the libraries of the late Musa Bence Liggett of Boston, Mass.; the late John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, Pa.; and the late Willis Vickery of Cleveland, Ohio, with other properties, to be sold Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, May 25 and 26, following exhibition from May 18.

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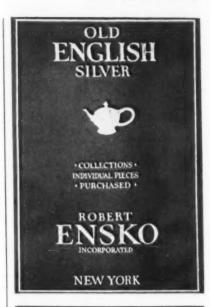
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Examples of the French goldsmith's art are among the most valuable items in the sale. Most of these beautiful gold boxes are of the eighteenth century, but one of the most important is of the Napoleonic era; a heavy oval piece in two colors of gold, finely worked, its lid is mounted with a miniature of the Emperor by Daniel Saint, and a presentation inscription from the Emperor is engraved inside the lid. An unusual Louis XV gold-mounted agate box set with brilliants is in the form of a woman's head wearing a mask. Several English eighteenth century miniatures includes a likeness of Robert Burns, the poet, attributed to the celebrated Alexander Nasmyth. A repeating watch by Daniel Quare (London, 1648-1724) has an enamel case painted with the Holy Family and landscape vignettes.

The large group of French furniture offers in variety pieces of the Louis XV and Louis XVI periods. Particularly notable are three choicely carved walnut armchairs, one with the stamp of Pierre Bernard who worked for the royal family, a leading furniture maker of the Louis XV period, followed in the catalogue by a matching settee by I. Pothier. Several Louis XV finely inlaid kingwood commodes are also outstanding.

The collection of Chinese snuff bottles present in the sale is especailly notable for a a Chia Ch'ing series of twelve finely carved and polychromed ivory bottles in the form of charming small figures of ladies, their removable heads serving as stoppers. The single-color and decorated porcelains include many examples at one time in the well-known Havemeyer Collection; there are present K'ang-hsi blue and white and turquoise blue and Ch'ien-lung famille rose. A group of antique textiles features French brocades and Spanish velvets.

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